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1. A Bulgarian pilot took charge of informant's ship at Cape Kaliakra and proceeded for about sixty-five miles to the port of Burgas along a route running about one-and-a-half miles from shore (route marked No. 4 on attached Sketch A.). Departure was made on a course of 143 degrees through a four-mile wide lane (route marked No. 5 on Sketch A). Ships entering the harbor through this lane approach on a 323 degree course.
2. The inspection and control of the ship lasted about two-and-a-half hours and was conducted by a total of twelve persons of various services in the charge of a Bulgarian lieutenant. The radio and all cameras and field glasses were immediately locked up. Informant was accompanied almost at all times by a Despred agent, Stefan Ilija, and during his stay visited the offices of the Port Authority and those of the Despred (Nationalized Import-Export Firm of Bulgaria). The commanding officer of the Port Authority was a certain Manalov.
3. Five warships were observed alongside the moles, one large destroyer and four small, old torpedo boats. Other small craft, including mine-sweepers and landing craft, were observed operating in the port area. Some of these vessels left the harbor in the evening with unidentified supplies and returned the following morning empty. Informant believes these vessels may have been carrying mines.
4. Some five to ten merchant ships entered and left the port during the period of informant's visit.
5. Attached are the following two sketches:

Sketch A: Capes and Port of Burgas

Sketch B: The Port of Burgas; showing entrance, moles, arsenal, quays and warehouses.

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